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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bell et al US Patent 5463191.

Regarding claim 1, Bell et al discloses a printed circuit board comprising:

a glass substrate provided with through-holes; conductive patterns provided on both surfaces of the glass substrate in such a manner as to be made conductive to each other via the through-holes; and a sealing member provided to fill the through holes, the sealing member being operable to inhibit moisture permeation through the through holes (for example, see elements 300,360, 380 Figs 3-5, 600, 610, 630,640 also see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55).

Moreover the limitation,[the sealing member being operable to inhibit moisture permeation through the through holes] is an intended use recitation of the sealing member and has not been accorded patentable weight by the Examiner.

Regarding claim 3, Bell et al discloses wherein the sealing member is a conductive paste containing an epoxy resin as a binder(for example, see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Regarding claim 4, Bell et al discloses wherein a conductive film is provided on an inner wall surface of each of the through-holes in such a manner as to connect the conductive patterns provided on both surfaces of the glass substrate to each other, and an inner space, inside the conductive film, of the through-hole is filled with the sealing member (for example, see elements 350, 650, 380, 680, Figs 3-7, also see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Regarding claim 5, Bell et al discloses wherein the sealing member is an epoxy resin (for example see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Regarding claim 6, Bell et al discloses wherein the surface of the sealing member exposed from each of the through-holes is covered with a metal film (for example, see elements 650, Figs 3-8)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell et al US Patent 5463191 in view of Yokono US Patent 5150005

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Regarding claim 2, Bell et al discloses the instant claimed invention except wherein the glass substrate is a no-alkali glass substrate.

Yokono discloses a no alkali glass substrate (for example, see element 14, figs 3,5, see column 2, lines 25-27)

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a no alkali glass substrate as taught by Yokono in the device as taught by Bell et al as no alkali glass is used for substrates due to the low coefficient of linear expansion of such materials.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell et al US Patent 5463191 in view of Curcio US Patent 6452117

Regarding claim 8, Bell et al discloses the instant claimed invention except wherein each of the conductive patterns has a stacked structure of an epoxy resin film and a copper film formed thereon

Curcio et al discloses an arrangement wherein each of the conductive patterns has a stacked structure of an epoxy resin film and a copper film formed thereon (for example, see elements 172,174, Fig 7H)

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a stacked structure of epoxy resin and copper as taught by Curcio et al in the circuit board as taught by Bell et al et al for the purpose of usage as an interposer for facilitating the attachment of electronic components thereon

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Claims 9-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell et al US Patent 5463191 in view of Stevens US Patent 6392356 in view of Nakazawa et al US Patent 6411349 and further in view of Curcio et al US Patent 6452117

Regarding claim 9, Bell et al discloses a device comprising:

a printed wiring board including a glass substrate provided with through-holes, conductive patterns provided on both surfaces of the glass substrate in such a manner as to be made conductive to each other via the through holes, and a first sealing member provided to fill the through-holes; (for example, see elements 300,360, 380 Figs 3-5, 600, 610, 630,640 also see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Stevens et al discloses a display device assembly comprising

- a display device provided on one surface of the printed wiring board in such a manner as to be connected to a conductive pattern provided on a one surface of a printed wiring board;(for example, see elements 30, Fig 3)
- a drive component for driving the display device, the drive component being disposed on the other surface of the printed wiring board in such a manner as to be connected to the conductive pattern provided on the other surface of the printed wiring board;(for example, see elements 70,72, Figs 1-3, see column 5, lines 5-25)
- a protective glass board disposed in such a manner as to face to the one surface of the printed wiring board;(for example, see element 12, Fig 3)

Nakazawa et al discloses a display device assembly wherein

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- a second sealing member provided in such a manner as to surround a display device while being in contact with a printed wiring board and a protective glass board (for example, see element 252, fig 12)

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have include the glass circuit board as taught by Bell et al and to arrange the display device components as taught by Stevens for the purpose of achieving a denser array of driver components in order to increase pixel pitch in the display device and to add the second sealing member as taught by Nakazawa et al for the purpose vacuum sealing the assembly as a whole.

Regarding claim 10, Bell et al, Stevens and Nakazawa et al disclose the instant claimed invention except wherein the glass substrate is a no-alkali glass substrate.

Yokono discloses a no alkali glass substrate (for example, see element 14, figs 3,5, see column 2, lines 25-27)

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a no alkali glass substrate as taught by Yokono in the device as taught by Bell et al, Stevens, and Nakazawa et al as no alkali glass is used for substrates due to the low coefficient of linear expansion of such materials.

Regarding claim 11, Bell et al discloses wherein the sealing member is a conductive paste containing an epoxy resin as a binder (for example, see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

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Regarding claim 12, Bell et al, wherein a conductive film is provided on an inner wall surface of each of the through-holes in such a manner as to connect the conductive patterns provided on both surfaces of the glass substrate to each other, and an inner space, inside the conductive film, of the through-hole is filled with a first sealing member (for example, see elements 350,650, 380,680, Figs 3-7, also see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Regarding claim 13, Bell et al discloses wherein the sealing member is an epoxy resin (for example, see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Regarding claim 14, Bell et al discloses wherein the surface of the sealing member exposed from each of the through-holes is covered with a metal film (for example, see elements 650, Figs 3-8)

Regarding claim 15, Bell et al discloses a device comprising:

- a printed wiring board including a glass substrate provided with through-holes, conductive patterns provided on both surfaces of the glass substrate in such a manner as to be made conductive to each other via the through holes, and a first sealing member provided to fill the through-holes; (for example, see elements 350,650, 380,680, Figs 3-7, also see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Stevens et al discloses a display device assembly comprising

- bumps provided on a conductive pattern provided on one surface of a printed wiring board; a protective glass board disposed in such a manner as to face to the one surface of the printed wiring board; a display device provided on the

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surface, facing to the printed wiring board, of the protective glass board in such a manner as to be connected to the bumps;(for example, see elements 60,12,30 Fig 3)

- a drive component for driving the display device, the drive component being disposed on the other surface of the printed wiring board in such a manner as to be connected to the conductive pattern provided on the other surface of the printed wiring board;(for example, see elements 70,72, Figs 1-3, see column 5, lines 5-25)

Nakazawa et al discloses a display device assembly wherein

a second sealing member is provided in such a manner as to surround a display device while being in contact with a printed wiring board and a protective glass board (for example, see element 252, fig 12)

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have include the glass circuit board as taught by Bell et al and to arrange the display device components as taught by Stevens for the purpose of achieving a denser array of driver components in order to increase pixel pitch in the display device and to add the second sealing member as taught by Nakazawa et al for the purpose vacuum sealing the assembly as a whole.

Regarding claim 16 Bell et al, Stevens and Nakazawa et al disclose the instant claimed invention except wherein the glass substrate is a no-alkali glass substrate.

Yokono discloses a no alkali glass substrate (for example, see element 14, Figs 3,5, see column 2, lines 25-27)

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Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a no alkali glass substrate as taught by Yokono in the device as taught by Bell et al, Stevens and Nakazawa et al as no alkali glass is used for substrates due to the low coefficient of linear expansion of such materials.

Regarding claim 17, Bell et al discloses wherein the sealing member is a conductive paste containing an epoxy resin as a binder (for example, see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Regarding claim 18, Bell et al, wherein a conductive film is provided on an inner wall surface of each of the through-holes in such a manner as to connect the conductive patterns provided on both surfaces of the glass substrate to each other, and an inner space, inside the conductive film, of the through-hole is filled with the first sealing member (for example, see elements 350, 650, 380, 680, Figs 3-7, also see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Regarding claim 19, Bell et al discloses wherein the sealing member is an epoxy resin (for example, see column 4, line 60 – column 7, line 55)

Regarding claim 20, Bell et al discloses wherein the surface of the sealing member exposed from each of the through-holes is covered with a metal film (for example, see elements 650, Figs 3-8)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 is allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 06/18/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to Applicant's argument that the prior art does not teach a glass substrate, the Examiner indicates that the glass fiber and polymer substrate as taught by the prior art is conventionally construed as being a "glass substrate". Moreover in response to applicant's arguments, the recitation of where the printed circuit board has a portion to be sealed from moisture has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. See *In re Hirao*, 535 F.2d 67, 190 USPQ 15 (CCPA 1976) and *Kropa v. Robie*, 187 F.2d 150, 152, 88 USPQ 478, 481 (CCPA 1951). In addition the limitation,[the sealing member being operable to inhibit moisture permeation through the through holes] is an intended use recitation of the sealing member and has not been accorded patentable weight by the Examiner.

1. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

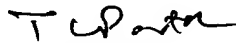
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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dameon E Levi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2105. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. (9:00 - 5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tulsidas C Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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